

A BIG DEAL CLOSED.

KANSAS CITIZENS INVEST \$500,000 IN TEXAS LAND AND CATTLE.

THEY BOUGHT 100,000 ACRES.

ALSO LEASED 300,000 ACRES ADJOINING THIS LARGE PURCHASE.

A RANCH THIRTY MILES SQUARE.

LIES IN THREE COUNTIES AND IS WATERED BY THE RED RIVER.

Also Bought a Herd of 20,000 Grade Cattle Grazing on This Immense Tract—A. J. Snider at the Head of the Company That Made the Investment.

A gigantic land and live-stock deal, involving the purchase of \$500,000 acres in one solid tract and 300,000 head of grade cattle, with buildings and fences, was consummated yesterday in the office of the Evans-Snyder-Buel Company at the stock yards. This enormous property is now in possession and under control of the new firm of Snyder & Zimmerman, which was formally organized yesterday, when the directors held a meeting, elected A. J. Snider president, and closed the deal for the great

tract of Texas territory, which, with its accessories, represents a value of more than a half million dollars.

The ranch lies twelve miles west of Memphis, Tex., on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad. It is thirty miles square and embraces sections of Hall, Briscoe and Donley counties, part of which is under cultivation, furnishing homes and employment for fifty families. There are also within its borders three churches and seven schools.

Mr. Snider, Allen, postmaster at Butler, Mo., and editor of the Butler Times, and they are now being considered by the department. The impression is general that there is enough in the charges to effect Allen's removal. In connection with the charges of perjury, the Union general who visited the state on a political mission. Accompanying the charges were about 500 clippings from his paper, and in another package were the campaign issues of the paper, with the articles designated with large blue marks.

Inspection Committee at Work.

Warrensburg, Mo., Dec. 3.—(Special.) The committee appointed by Governor Stone to visit and inspect the state institutions was in Warrensburg to-day examining the state normal school. The members left this afternoon for Nevada to inspect the insane asylum.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

The Annual Convention Is in Progress at Boston.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 3.—The National Council of Women of the United States met here to-day in annual convention. Mrs. Mary Lowe Dickinson, the president, presided over the session. The presentation of reports and greetings of delegates from organizations comprising the council took up the entire time until prior to adjournment for luncheon. Greetings were briefly presented by Miss Susan E. Anthony, Rev. Anna Shaw, Mrs. Mary Wright Sewall, of Indiana, and Mrs. Willoughby Cummings of Canada. The report of the Women's National Association of the United States, of which Mrs. J. Ellen Foster is president, was read by Mrs. Emily S. Chase.

Mrs. Lense to Lose Her Home.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 3.—The mortgage on Mrs. Lense's home is in process of foreclosure. The amount involved is \$14,000 and costs. Mrs. Lense is in New York at this

time, and it is not known whether she will redeem it or allow the property to go. The home is a pretty one, apparently worth more than the amount involved. The mortgage was sold at auction last week among the legal notices.

DANGER POINT IS PASSED.

Chippewa River Falling Rapidly, Although the Big Ice Gorge Still Stands.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Dec. 3.—"The river is falling at the rate of a foot per day, and there is no reason whatever for apprehension," said Colonel W. A. Jones, U. S. A., to an Associated Press representative this afternoon, after he had put in a busy day investigating the situation along the Chippewa river, Colonel Jones, who is in charge of the government engineering works in the Northwest, had been called here by the local authorities, who sought expert advice in what seemed like an emergency and a critical situation. He continued: "The gorge extends about eighteen miles, and is made up largely of anchor ice, which is a sort of slush packed closely together to form a solid mass. Under this the river is running in somewhat cramped quarters, and as the water falls more the ice will drop down into the river bed, and the water will run more freely. Several pieces of ice have been seen floating in the river. We seem to be starting a regular old-fashioned spring, so that there is every reason to expect the continuance of the fall spring, but there seems no reason to apprehend any danger."

The people of the Chippewa valley will undoubtedly feel much relieved over such an opinion from such authority, and they certainly need to be relieved, for a sort of demonstration has seized on many business men in Chippewa Falls, which does not seem warranted by the actual facts in the case.

MOUNTAIN MOONSHINER KILLED.

His Still Exploded and He Was Found Dead by Hunters.

Men, Ark., Dec. 3.—(Special.) A report was brought in this morning by a party of hunters of the finding of the body of an unknown man in a cabin used for a moonshine distillery out in the mountains, just over the line in the Indian Territory. The corpse was that of a man about 50 years of age, and from all appearances met his death by an explosion of the still. Several jars of whiskey and a keg of peach brandy were found in the cabin. The hunters notified an Indian settler, who returned with them to the cabin and buried the corpse.

Young Horseman Fatally Hurt.

Lafayette, Kan., Dec. 3.—(Special.) Charley Piper, the 15-year-old son of Arch Piper, who owns a large horse and mule ranch two miles north of this city, while bringing a load of mules here for shipment yesterday was fatally injured by the stumbling of the horse he was riding. Young Piper was thrown over the head of his horse, which then rolled onto the corner.

Colorado Mine Owner Killed.

Victor, Col., Dec. 3.—John Ope, part owner of the Puzos mine, on Strawn mountain, was killed by falling down the shaft of the mine. His fall was due to the breaking of the rope which he was descending. Mr. Ope was formerly manager of "Diamond Joe" Reynolds' mining properties in this state, and before coming to Colorado was inspector of mines in Pennsylvania.

Rock Island Wreck in Iowa.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 3.—A Rock Island freight train, carrying a large number of passengers, was wrecked yesterday morning on the Iowa side of the river. The wreck was due to a mistake by Operator Howell, of Grinnell.

Two Oil Operators Drowned.

Celina, O., Dec. 3.—Two prominent oil operators were drowned here to-day. Ernest Godfrey, of Embleton, Pa., was on the ice on a lake and the ice broke. Arthur Palmer, of Westmoreland, O., ran to his rescue, but he was beneath him and both were drowned.

Two Killed in a Snowslide.

Logan, U. S. Dec. 3.—Hiram Jeppson, 52, and his son, James, were buried in a snowslide yesterday afternoon in Logan canon. Jeppson finally extricated himself, but the father and son were both killed.

PUBLIC PAWNSHOP IN CHICAGO.

Civic Federation Decides Upon the Establishment of One.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Steps have been taken looking towards the establishment of the first municipal pawnshop in America. At a meeting of a committee from the Civic Federation legislative commission, the organization of a corporation with a capital of \$100,000 was discussed. The plan and purposes of which will be modeled after the Mont de Pieté, of Belgium and Paris, and the public loan banks of England. It is proposed to make the institution a quasi-public affair, the mayor and governor each having the power to appoint one director.

Fresh Triumph for Mue. Bernhardt.

Paris, Dec. 4.—Mme. Sarah Bernhardt scored a fresh triumph in her assumption of the role of Desdemona in "Othello" at the Renaissance theater last night. The play was presented with a splendid cast and mounting. There is only one opinion of the play, and that is a universal one. The play is a masterpiece of the art of the actress. The play is a masterpiece of the art of the actress.

Insane Girl Chained to the Wall.

Denver, Col., Dec. 3.—An appeal to the Humane Society has been made on behalf of Grace Solomon, aged 21 years, who is violently insane and is kept without any food or clothing in a cell in the insane asylum. The Humane Society is now making an appeal to the public to help her.

Eight Inches of Snow at Raleigh.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 3.—Continuous light snow fell in this section yesterday for eighteen hours. It reached a depth of eight inches. It was clear to-day.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 3.—The snowfall ceased at daylight this morning, with a depth of three inches on a level. At other points in the state it is much deeper.

Wants \$10,000 for His Injuries.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 3.—(Special.) William G. Brown has filed a suit in the circuit court against Tootle, Wheeler & Motter for \$10,000 damages for personal injuries. The suit is based on a fall from an elevator shaft at the warehouse of the company and sustained injuries that will make him a cripple for life.

Hebrew Union Officers Re-elected.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 3.—The executive committee of the Union Hebrew Congregation of this city, this morning re-elected the following officers: Julius Freberg, Cincinnati, president; Josiah Cohen, Pittsburg, vice president; Lipman Levy, Cincinnati, secretary; and Louis Krohn, Cincinnati, treasurer.

Victoria May Visit Ireland.

London, Dec. 4.—According to Dublin correspondence of the Daily News, there is talk of Queen Victoria visiting Ireland in 1901, in connection with the celebration of the golden jubilee of her reign. The longest period of any English reign.

DAVES IS "AGIN IT."

STRONGLY OPPOSED TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

DECLARES IT IS NOT NEEDED.

THE PEOPLE ARE DEMANDING ONLY TWO CHANGES.

These Can Be Made at a Tithe of the Expense of a Convention—Very Doubtful if the Question Would Carry if Submitted.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 3.—(Special.) Attorney General Daves entertains some very pronounced views on the all-absorbing question of a Kansas constitutional convention. He is strongly opposed to it. When seen to-day by the Journal freely, in his usual forcible way, concerning the matter.

"Are you in favor of a constitutional convention?" was asked.

"No, sir, I am not."

"What are your objections to such a convention?"

"There are many good reasons why one should not be called, and the principal one is because there is no necessity for going to the expense of holding one."

"Don't you think the state stands in need of a new constitution?"

"We stand in need of a new constitution just about as bad as a cat needs two tails."

"What do you think of the present situation of the state?"

"Yes, there is a demand for something, but that something is not a constitutional convention. I have discussed this question with a great many people, and I find that almost universally the people are demanding just two things: First, the right to vote upon the question of constitutional prohibition; second, that the number of justices of the supreme court be increased to five."

"Now I believe that a great majority of our people demand those two things. I think the people have a right to be heard. When any considerable number of our people want to vote on a given proposition, the legislature ought to let them vote. If there is anything the people of Kansas like to do, it is to vote."

"You ask one of these fellows why he wants a constitutional convention and the answer will be, 'Why, we want to get rid of prohibition and we want more judges of the supreme court.' They stop there. These are the reasons urged for it. Nothing else can be named. Now I wish somebody would tell me what sense there is in squandering a quarter of a million dollars simply to give the people a chance to vote on these two propositions. Why beat about the bush? Why try to whip the devil around the stump? Why not meet the issues squarely? Submit these two amendments to the constitution, and in two years we will settle the whole matter and that at an expense of not to exceed \$100,000. Why not do it?"

"Suppose the legislature this winter submits to a vote of the people the question of calling a convention; what would the result be? Every man who opposes the submission of the question would be voting against it; every man who would fear that they might forget the \$200 exemption from taxes would vote against it; every man who feared that under the new constitution 100 acres of land might not be exempt from taxes would vote against it; every man who feared that the new constitution would give the people the right to vote on the question of prohibition would vote against it. Why, then, call a convention? It is a waste of money and time."

"Leave these damnable faces and begin!"

LEEDY WAS A DAY LATE.

Did Not File His Statement of Campaign Expenses Within the Limit Prescribed.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 3.—(Special.) Governor-elect Leedy's statement of election expenses was not filed at Burlington within the time required by law. It was not placed on record until to-day. Just what action will be taken is not known. Mr. Leedy labored under the impression that the time expired to-night. Whether he saved himself by the law in this respect, he said he had not, but would make a statement so that it would reach Burlington in time for filing to-day. His statement started the leaders.

"Tuesday is the last day," shouted one, "and you can't get it there in time. Here it is 2 o'clock, and the office will close in two hours."

It was finally determined to run a bluff. The statement was mailed to Burlington and the governor-elect took a copy to his apartment at the Hotel Douglas. He then, and filed it with the clerk of Douglas county last night. Mr. Leedy has never given up his permanent residence in California, and he is not likely to change it. The statement in Douglas county will not figure. The matter is very likely to get into the courts.

AFTER THE STOCKHOLDERS.

Holders of Lombard Company Securities Will Use the Double Liability Law.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 3.—(Special.) The Anglo-American Land Mortgage and Agency Company, an English corporation owning a large amount of Lombard securities, has entered suit in this county against the Lombard Investment Company, of Kansas, seeking judgment for about \$200,000. This action is a preliminary step toward instituting proceedings against the Eastern stockholders of the Lombard Investment Company, the courts of the Eastern states having held that the double liability imposed by the laws of Kansas upon stockholders of corporations, and at the same time the state like any other contract. The cases will be bitterly contested.

The old Lombard Investment Company, of Kansas, practically went out of business several years ago, transferred the assets to the Lombard Investment Company, of Missouri, and since has not been a corporation de facto. All of the officers, books and records are out of the state. In order to enforce the stockholders' liability it is necessary to reach them to some extent.

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THREE BOLD ROBBERS.

HOLD UP A ST. LOUIS BREWERY OFFICE FOR A GOODLY SUM.

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A DOZEN PERSONS WERE IN THE OFFICE AT THE TIME.

Cashier Forced to Hand Over \$400, and \$500 to \$800 More Taken From Money Drawers—Robbers Boarded a Car and Escaped.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 3.—Three highwaymen with drawn revolvers entered the office of the Home Brewing Company at 2 o'clock this afternoon and held up the cashier, Robert Haverkamp, forced him to hand over \$400, and then, not satisfied with the amount, went behind the counter, looted the money drawers, and secured probably \$500 additional.

The robbery was the most daring that has occurred in years.

When the hold-up occurred there were present in the office the cashier, a half dozen clerks and several customers. The robbers entered the place together. The leader ordered all within to hold up their hands. The order was hastily complied with. He then ordered them to line up. This was also done. Cashier Haverkamp was asked to hand over the money in his possession. He had \$300 or \$400 on the desk, and it was given to the leader of the trio.

The fellows were not satisfied with the results. Going behind the counter, two of them held the occupants of the office in line, while the other went through the safe and money drawers and secured between \$500 and \$800 more.

Cashier Haverkamp was busily engaged with his books when the men entered, and one of them said:

"Can I look at your city directory?"

"The directory was in an adjoining room," said Mr. Haverkamp, "and I stepped to get the book for the young fellow. Hardly had I turned my back when one of the men gave me a shove and then poked a pistol into my face."

"Shut out," he said, in threatening tones, "or I'll shoot."

"I turned a bit and saw that the other two unwelcome visitors had covered everyone in the office with their pistols. There was nothing for me to do but turn over what I had and leave as quick as I could."

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FATAL KENTUCKY ENCOUNTER.

William Harrison and His Two Sons Fought William Morgan and His Two Sons.

Middlesboro, Ky., Dec. 2.—News reached here of a fatal encounter in Letcher county, yesterday in which William Harrison, along with his sons, Henry and James, all of whom were very strong partisans of John D. White, the independent Republican candidate for congress in the Eleventh district, against the regular nominee, D. C. Colson, engaged in a deadly fight with William Morgan and his sons, Caleb and Thomas, all supporters of Colson. The Morgans were going to mill and met the Harrisons in the road. They began their old quarrel over the merits of White and Colson, and soon began shooting at each other. The battle lasted several minutes, and over a score of shots were fired. Old man Morgan fell mortally wounded at the first fire. When all was over, the two Morgan boys lay dead and the two Harrison boys were probably fatally wounded. Old man Morgan is dying. Harrison, the father, escaped without a wound, though there were several bullet holes in his clothes. The elder Harrison said that the Morgans brought on the difficulty and that he and his sons fired in self-defense.

ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY.

Son of Judge John Price, of Lexington, Mo., in Serious Trouble.

Lexington, Mo., Dec. 2.—(Special.) For the past three or four weeks this town has been almost terrorized by burglars, scarcely a night passing without a store or dwelling house being broken into and robbed. Entrance in each case has been made in exactly the same way, proving conclusively that all the robberies were committed by the same gang or gangs. Last night Joe Cavanaugh, a constable, was stationed in the store of the McCausland & McCausland Dry Goods Company. The burglar emptied the cash register by breaking the glass in the rear door. Cavanaugh opened fire on the thief, but the bullets failed to take effect and he escaped. The constable claims he recognized him and this morning secured a warrant for Lindsay Price, a young man and son of Judge John Price, of this place. Price was immediately arrested. He was released on \$10,000 bond to appear before Judge Pritchett on December 12. His arrest caused quite a sensation, owing to the prominence of his father.

ACCUSED OF WIFE MURDER.

Dr. Goodmanson, of Pender, Neb., Under Arrest—Wife Had \$12,000 Worth of Jewelry.

Pender, Neb., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Laura Goodmanson, the wife of Dr. J. Sydney Goodmanson, of Pender, died in convulsions at the office of her husband, September 27, and the manner of her death gave rise to many rumors of foul play. The body was sent to Tiskilwa, Ill., her former home. A physician's certificate was secured in which her death was stated to be the result of a heart attack.

Later, a post mortem examination was made and the stomach of Mrs. Goodmanson was found to contain a quantity of strychnine. The chemist's report was read to the coroner's jury, and a verdict returned that